

REMARKS

Applicants have further modified the independent claims to underscore the automated filling aspects of the present invention when there is relative movement between the funnel and the template cavities in order to selectively locate the funnel over each of the plurality of cavities in a two dimensional array for filling the array. The art of record provides no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding this advance in the art. None of the references cited by the Examiner is directed to selectively filling a two-dimensional array by selectively locating a funnel through which one or more solid products may pass into a product package template.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now stand in condition for allowance. Applicant also calls to the attention of the Examiner the related parent application serial no. 09/539,834.

Respectfully submitted,

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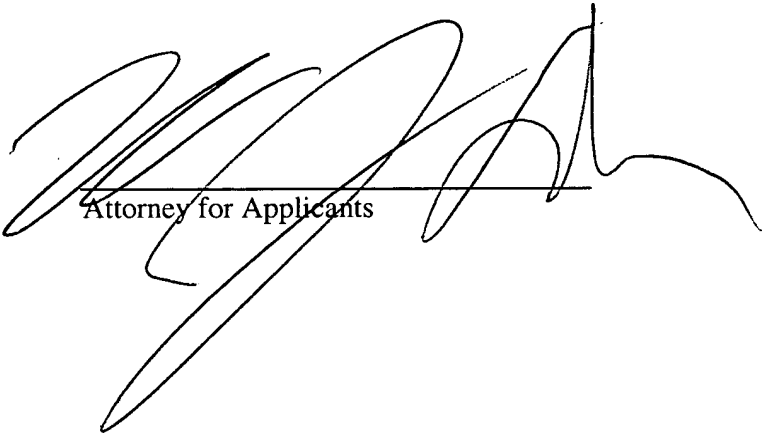
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